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v. rec·om·mend·ed, rec·om·mend·ing, rec·om·mends

v.tr.

1. To praise or commend to another as being worthy or desirable; endorse; *recommended him for the job; recommended a car instead of an SUV.*
2. To make attractive or acceptable: *This book has much to recommend it.*
3. To advise or counsel: *She recommended that we be on time.*
4. To commit to the charge of another; entrust: *"By these our letters we would have the safety of his person ... recommended to your care" (John Milton).*

v.intr.

To give advice or counsel: *"recommended against signing an international agreement" (Time).*

[Middle English *recomenden*, from Medieval Latin *commendāre* : Latin *re-*, *re-* + Latin *commendāre*, to entrust, commend; see [COMMEND](#).]

rec'om·mend□a·ble *adj.*

rec'om·mend□er *n.*

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